

**Miami County Solid Waste District**  
Minutes for the March 21, 2011 Meeting

Attendance: Jon Faust, Craig Boyer, Tom Gustin, Shirley Mull, Josh Francis, Pat Roberts, Samantha Ward, and Carla Smith. Absent: Jim Walker and Don Morris.

At 8:00 A.M. the meeting was called to order by Tom Gustin.

The minutes of February 22, 2011 meeting were presented. Josh Francis motioned to accept the minutes as is Craig Boyer seconded, motion passed.

The March 2011 financial statement was presented by Samantha Ward. The bills for Modern Graphics and the Post Office were for sending the event flyers out the first week of March. The bill from Comerford's was for the tax preparation and the year end reports. The 4-H Fair bill is for the booth rental during the fair. AISWMD and the In Recycling Coalition bills were for the yearly dues. Craig Boyer moved to approve the financial report as is, Jon Faust seconded, motion passed.

Presented the Beautification Day Contract bids. There were three bid requests sent out, and Wabash Valley and Apex were the only two who responded. The bid from Apex was \$310.00 per container up to 5 tons, and a \$29.00 per ton overage. Wabash Valley bid \$300.00 per container with no overage charge. Craig Boyer motioned to accept the bid from Wabash Valley, Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed.

Samantha presented information for new billing software from the Auriel Company. John Powell and Samantha visited the St. Joseph County Solid Waste District and saw the Auriel software in action. They are very happy with the software. David Fazioi the Auriel rep told us he can customize the program to do whatever we need it to do. The cost for the software is \$5,000, and we will need to purchase a server for \$500-\$600. The software and server will work with the new Pitney Bowes Printer/Postage Machine that we will be tied into. Pat Roberts asked whether there could be public access made available to some offices at the courthouse. We will need to ask John Powell about that. Our office has spent just \$200.00 on billing software from K-billing three years ago. The software is very good for billing a smaller volume. Mitchell Vincent has been very good to work with and has tried to make the software fit our needs as best as he could. We need software that will handle a larger volume and be able to provide more information on bills and accounts. Craig Boyer motioned to purchase the Auriel software, Shirley Mull seconded, motion passed.

Samantha told the board that letters had been sent out to all the trailer park owners requesting copies of the paperwork that was filed in the Assessor's Office. However, after sending the letters, it was learned that there are no summary sheets for the information, just the entire report of all the trailers in the park. We would like to use the system again next year, but would like for the owners to be able to call our office with the information. We are now able to get a copy of the information from the Assessor's

Office, and we can check the amount called in versus the amount shown on the Assessor report. The park owners seem to be happier with this system.

Robert Howard from Recycling Recovery updated the board on the recycling bin changeover progress. The old wooden bin at Bunker Hill has been replaced with two new metal cans. He said the town board president, Shelley Dyer seemed happy with the new setup. Mexico and Denver are to be replaced next, as they have a high volume of recycling material and illegal dumps.

Samantha presented a letter she had received from Peter Redmon, president of The Bible Forum Church about the site at Eagle's Pointe. In the letter, Mr. Redmon states that he would like the site to be removed by June 1, 2011. This is due to the abuse of the bin. People are leaving furniture, bags of dirty diapers, and trash both inside and outside of the drop off box. Mr. Redmon does not feel that it is our contractors, he feels it is the people at Eagle's Pointe who are abusing the site and treating it as their own personal dump site. Ron Dausch stated he would have his workers check the site daily for things left outside the bin, and Samantha will try to find another spot to place the recycling bin. It was suggested to contact Jim Tidd and see if there was any county-owned property available to set the bin on. It was also suggested to contact the homeowner's association and explain the problems arising from abuse of the site. Tom Gustin felt that if the abuse continues, the site needs to be pulled.

Pat Roberts presented a large list of pending cases to be dismissed on May 16, 2011 from the filing from May 2010. He was trying sending some notices out via regular mail. The previous attempts were made through certified mail, and if the people choose not to pick up the papers, they do not show up in court. To serve the papers personally, it costs \$13.00 which is paid to the sheriff dept. Pat suggested putting out a press release in the paper listing everyone who had not paid their 2008/2009 bills.

Craig Boyer motioned to adjourn at 8:58 a.m., Jon Faust seconded, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,